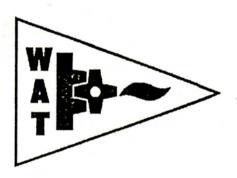
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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I have said in these notes before that with the restoration of the Wendover Arm, and I have no doubt that the same maxim applies to most of the other restoration societies, progress appears to be at a very slow rate. Having made that statement however, when I look back over the lifespan of the Trust - now about to enter its fifth year - and its forerunner, The Wendover Arm Group, a tremendous amount of ground has been covered (metaphorically speaking). Your Vice-Chairman, Ian Packe, and I have, during the past year, had a number of meetings with BW's personnel, particularly Bob Parnell, the Senior Management Surveyor -S.E. Region, Peter Coyne, the newly appointed Regional Manager, Caroline Clark, our Local Manager and William Abbott concerning the recovery of the bed of the canal from the lessees (Rothschild Estates and the Grace family of Little Tring.

It was on our recommendation that BW appointed William Abbott to negotiate on their behalf for the recovery of the land. BW's Estates Department is well versed in dealing with urban properties, but agricultural tenancies are very different to their commercial counterparts and Will, who I have known for many years, has spent his life dealing with farmers. As A.G. Street, the well-known author and broadcaster of the 1940's and 50's wrote in his book "Farmer's Glory", "There are three sorts of people - men, women and farmers".

We have not made as much progress so far this winter with the clearance of undergrowth and bushes on the dry section. The turnout of volunteers has been much lower this year mainly, I think, because although we have not had a wet day, the weather forecasters leading up to each workday have been most discouraging. Take no notice of the forecasters and do please turn out in force for the last work Sunday of this winter - MARCH 7th.

Finally may I wish you all a Very Happy 1993.

Roger Lewis

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership of the Trust is still increasing!

Listed below are the members who have joined the Trust since the last report.

Welcome to the Trust'

Mr & Mrs R M Chessher	Berkhamsted
Mr & Mrs D Leeson	Cranfield
Mr R A Read	Luton
Mr M P Smith	Milton Keynes

Currently the Trust has 392 members registered.

Corporate Memberships

In the last issue of Wendover Arm News I reported that the Trust had 4 Corporate Members and stated that we would like some more!

Well we are very pleased to welcome three new Corporate Members in this issue.

WELCOME to the Tring Town Council, the Pitstone Local History Society, and the Tring & District Residents Association.

Corporate membership is open to any canal society, rambling club, school, local council, angling club, local history society or any other group interested in the Wendover Arm of the Grand Union Canal.

The subscription - minimum £10.00 - covers one year from the date of joining.

Corporate members receive four copies of the Trust newsletter and one copy of any Notice, or other communication, from the Trust. Corporate Members are also entitled to one vote at General Meetings.

Application forms for Corporate Membership, and other Members, are available from the Membership Secretary - address inside the front cover.

Barry Martin

Membership Secretary

WHAT A DIFFERENCE A CROWD MAKES!

Sunday 7th February. 7.00am. Something is in the air. Fogl

Never mind, there's a WAT workparty today. No need to see very far for that. Leap out of bed, have a good breakfast, rub in the liniment, throw the tools in the back of the truck and off to Little Tring to arrive well before 8.30 and get a massive pile of kindling wood cut ready for the pyromaniacs to arrive at 10 o'clock, rubbing the sleep out of their eyes and nursing their hangovers.

Sunday 7th February. 9.00am. Something is in my head. Fogl

Oh no - that was just a dream. In reality it is me that has the hangover and ... oh well, I'll just have a couple of minutes more kip.

Sunday 7th February. 10.30am. Something is still in bed. Mel

Well I feel better now (marginally) so they'll still be pleased to see me down at Little Tring. Stagger out of bed, look at breakfast, decide against tempting fate, and drive (should I have ordered a taxi?) to the workparty. Must be the wrong place - there's dozens of them working -or am I just seeing double still?

Stagger along the towpath - now I really am seeing and hearing things. The buzz of a chainsaw is in the air; smoke, not fog, is curling up from three bonfires; and there are enough trees moving around to make Macbeth look twice. Count the heads - must be 40 people here. Walk back counting legs to make sure - yes 79 (must have missed one somewhere, never mind it will turn up in the undergrowth later). The gangs are spread out over 110 yards, or Chairman's paces which are much the same -surely that is 5 chains in his measure.

I really mean it - I'll never drink again!

Please note, the above is NOT autobiographical, but one of our regular stalwarts might recognise himself! However, it is true that we had some 40 good folk down on Sunday, hacking, burning, sawing and cursing their way through about 110 yards more. Many thanks to Adrian Bull and his gang from the Chiltern Branch of IWA - do come again please. Adrian brought a number of "workparty virgins" with him - and they all had a good day and enjoyed themselves, so once more we ask the question "Where were YOU?" The last regular session this winter is on March 7th, and we would like to see as many people turn out as possible to make a really big dent in the run through to White Houses.

DON'T MISS IT - MARCH 7TH - LITTLE TRING BETWEEN 10.00 AND 4.00

WENDOVER CANAL FESTIVAL AT TRING 1993

Plans are well in hand for the 4th Festival/Boat Rally which will be held on Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday, May 29th - 31st 1993 on the same site again at New Mill as has been the custom for the previous gatherings and our thanks go to MR & MRS JOHN BROWN for so generously allowing us to use their field.

BRITISH WATERWAYS are giving us their full support and are incorporating the Festival in their overall programme for Canals 200. As well as once again letting us have the Bouncing Bridge for



the youngsters to enjoy themselves on, they have promised to put on a demonstration of their machinery to complement the BEDS & BUCKS STATIONARY CLUB display and the CLASSIC CAR exhibits.

BOB & YOKA WHEAL have worked really hard to improve the CRAFT FAIR and hope to fill some 200 feet by 40 feet (the 1st Festival had a marquee 60 by 40 feet). Bob is also getting the best bids from the trade and catering stands.

FRED MARSHALL and LIONHEARTS CRUISING CLUB will again be organising and manning the BAR which will, licensing laws permitting, be opened on Friday evening for the early arrivals, and the usual times during the rest of the weekend.

JANET PACKE is again organising the BARBEQUE on Sunday evening, and also the GRAND DRAW which has been a very good source of income in the past two years. We are once again indebted to ROD SAUNDERS of GREBE CANAL CRUISES for so generously donating the first prize - a week's holiday on one of his fleet of hire cruisers.

The LEIGHTON BUZZARD MODEL BOAT CLUB who attended for the first time last year have asked if they can bring a bigger pool this year and so enlarge this very popular attraction. RON WEM will be having one of the biggest headaches over the Festival weekend as he will again be responsible for co-ordinating the many duties during the weekend (that's your punishment for doing it so well last year Ron - Edl). I have no doubt that he will have the full assistance of the DUNSTABLE & DISTRICT BOAT CLUB but he will need many more volunteers to man the entrance gates, the car park, the model railway and many, many other duties. Do please let Ron know if you can help at any time - either in advance or just turn up at the Festival and see him.

RICHARD HOUSE is again organising the entertainments for us. For those attending the Rally, MR. KITE'S BENEFIT BAND will be providing the music for dancing on Saturday night, and ROY'S DISCO are again coming on Sunday night. The tent-pole climb is not scheduled, but then it wasn't last year eithert For the public arena events, Richard is trying to bring back the popular spots from last year, such as the DOG CLASSES and the CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINERS. New items include the TRING SCHOOL SWING BAND, BERKHAMSTED STRATHSPEY AND REEL CLUB (Scottish Dancing) and others which Richard is keeping up his sleeve at the moment, so you'll just have to come along, buy a programme, and see what he has in store for youl

One change on the Festival Committee is that the HERTFORDSHIRE BRANCH of the CARAVAN CLUB are represented by RON AND ANN MELDRUM instead on JOHN PERRY who worked so hard for us at the last two Rallies. Ann has got some very good ideas for this year - mainly concerned with ways of relieving the public of their money for the good of the Trust. We expect to have about 60 caravans with us this year.

ANNE BROOMAN, assisted by KAYE JACKSON and JAN PURS-SELL, again volunteered to man the TEA TENT, and JOHN BROOMAN will again be in charge of the PONY RIDES.

Our Trust Treasurer BERYL MARTIN is once more responsible for all the financial arrangements, which, if previous years are anything to go by, will be a very demanding task!

AYLESBURY CANAL SOCIETY have again offered to organise a CAR BOOT SALE on Sunday morning and, if they can get any helpers, will also run a similar sale on Monday.

SHERRY SHERWOOD, assisted as usual by PHIL ORTON and ROD SQUIRES will again act as HARBOURMASTER. The Wendover Branch of THE ST. JOHN AMBULANCE have again offered to be present in case of any accident or illness (let us hope that an excess of sunshine is their only worry!), and T.H.A.M.E.S., the C.B. radio enthusiasts will once more be helping.

IAN PACKE is producing most of the forms which seem to be an essential part of any "do" such as this, and he will be responsible for producing the Festival programme. Any articles or adverts which you would like published in the Programme should be forwarded to him at 2 The Driveway, Anchor Lane, Hemel Hempstead HP1 1NT.

Boat, Tent and Caravan bookings (except Herts. Caravan Club entries) will be handled by BARRY MARTIN, and booking forms can be obtained from him at 12 Chipperfield Close, New Bradwell, Milton Keynes MK13 0EP.

Probably the hardest working member of the Committee will be the SITE CONTROLLER, GRAEME LOCKHART - he has worked unstintingly over the previous Festivals and I am sure this year will be no exception.

SHEILA LEWIS is as usual organising the RAFFLE for those attending the Rally, and as ever would be grateful to receive any suitable prizes.

If you have attended earlier Festivals you will know that you can expect to enjoy yourselves in May and, if you have not been before, you will be very welcome and I am sure that you will have a splendid weekend.

Roger Lewis

A Request from the Festival Treasurer

HELP HELP HELP

Yes, I need four additional helpers - two on Sunday and two on Monday - to assist the regular team with collecting and counting all the lovely money which our visitors donate.

For more information please phone Beryl on (0908) 312239.

GRAND FESTIVAL DRAW

As we have done in past years, we have tucked 5 books of Draw tickets into this copy of the Newsletter. Now - over to you.

Each book contains 5 tickets, each priced at 20 pence. That makes £1 for a book, or £5 for the lot. All you need to do is to sell those tickets, record the name, address and/or 'phone number of the purchaser on the stubs, and return those stubs with the money (cheques payable to "Wendover Arm Trust") to Janet Packe. Now, many of you have kindly bought them yourselves in previous years, and we have no objection to you doing that again. However, it does help if you sell them, and then you can ask for some more when you return the stubs; Janet never tires of sending out more books!

Do please help us and sell your 5 books at least - if you really cannot manage to sell them or buy them yourself please return them so we can move them elsewhere. If each member sells just £5 worth before the Festival, we can raise over £1250, and then the sales at the Festival itself add even more.

Please return cash, stubs, and any unsold books by May 16th if possible.

The prizes are well worth having - a week's holiday on the canal, a hot air balloon trip, or even £100 is not to be sneezed at. There are some really super prizes in the "many other" category as well.

PLEASE - SELL THOSE TICKETS AND HELP YOUR TRUST

FESTIVAL BOOKING FORM

Yet another insert with this issue (is there no limit to our generosity?) is a booking form for the Festival.

You will see that we have kept prices down again as much as possible, although there have unfortunately had to be some small increases in some areas. However, those of you who have been before know that this is the BEST value weekend to be had anywhere on the system, so fill in those forms now and get your entries in. Space is limited - after all there is only so much length of Arm available to us - and it must be a first come first served basis. Last year we had 119 boats, and although the actual number depends to some extent on the length of craft booked in, that is about the limit.

DON'T DELAY - BOOK TODAY

PROFILE

With so many mentions of CAROLINE CLARK in these pages, many of you might be interested to know a little more about our local BW Manager. I am indebted to Caroline, and DDBC News, in which this profile first appeared, for permission to reproduce it here.

CAROLINE CLARK, the Manager of Grand Union (South) was born Caroline Clarke, foursquare on the Grand Union at Hillingdon, little knowing what an influence this 200 year old strip of water would have on her life. The family moved shortly after to Berkshire. Caroline loves animals and one of her ambitions was to become a vet but, during her schooling in Reading she became passionate about gymnastics, which occupied all her spare time and led her to competition at Regional level. This led on to Judo at National level and at one time she was spending every evening of the week at it.

The judo gave her an entree to Loughborough University where she gained a B.Sc. in Physical Education. She stayed on for a fourth year to take her Master's Degree in Recreational Management and, during this year met her future husband Dave, while they were members of the rowing team. Dave's family was in the printing business and had a factory beside the Regent's Canal in Hackney.

After University Dave went to work at the family firm which prompted his idea of making their first home on the canal, close to the factory. So a 45 foot narrowboat, built by the wonderfully named firm of Screwcraft, and called "Charon's Ferry" was bought and residential moorings found at the nearby and newly opened Kingsland Basin. It was in fact the first boat to take up residence there. This was Caroline's introduction to the waterways. Dave worked five minutes away in the factory, while Caroline had a post with a firm in Chelsea specialising in Leisure Consultancy.

Charon's Ferry became too small, so a new 70 foot boat, purpose-built for living, was commissioned from Peter Nicholls. It was named "Taipan" - and Kingsland Basin remained their home.

Caroline had by now become devoted to the canals and, when the post of Curator at the Boat Museum at Stoke Bruerne (then 25 years old) became vacant in 1988, it seemed an ideal way of combining the love of canals with the skills and qualifications gained at university and the work being done in leisure consultancy. She applied and was appointed in September that year.

At this time too, Dave had moved his work to Croydon and so a new mooring was found at Harefield Marina - which was "sort of equidistant between Croydon and Stoke Bruerne". It was a period which gave them little time together, except for holidays, which were always spent cruising on Taipan and which allowed Caroline to get to know the waterways intimately. She thinks she came to know every drop of water in the Lee & Stortl Taipan was then moved to Stoke Bruerne.

Caroline spent a year and a half as Curator at Stoke Bruerne and, in 1990, just as Dave was on the point of signing up for something permanent in Northampton, the vacancy as Manager GU (South) arose. Caroline applied, and was appointed in April.

The recession had brought redundancy for Dave and Taipan was sold to finance the setting up of his own printing firm, which he now operates from a unit on the old American Air Base at Gubblecote. Their present home at the Toll House is ideal - no awful long journeys to and from work, just wellies for the towpath!

Caroline adores the job at Marsworth. It combines the ability to make a significant input to the future of the waterways with intimate and day-to-day contact with them - indeed when she talked to DDBC NEWS, she had just taken off the wellies after being down on the Aylesbury Arm where there had been a breach just above Redhouse Lock and hand (or rather foot) puddling had to be done to reform the waterproof bed as no herd of cows was on hand. Does anything change?

Her two ambitions at the moment are to leave the canals in a better shape than they were when she came to the post - and for her and Dave to obtain a pair of working boats.



The entrance to the Wendover Arm showing the Toll House.

COMMITTEE MATTERS

Meetings were held on 21st October, 18th November, and 16th December. As ever we are grateful to Dunstable and District Boat Club for the use of the Clubhouse for our meetings.

October

Following the AGM, Officers had to be elected again. John Brooman takes over sales, other posts remain as before.

lan Fletcher requested a donation be sent to IWA/Waterway for All fund following his slide show at the AGM.

Need agreed to produce a professional publicity leaflet - investigations to be made into price, content etc.

Tring Town Council to be approached to participate in the Festival and help with publicity.

November

Agreed desirable to improve liaison with local angling groups.

Meeting between BW and WAT discussed leased land, legal advice, income from moorings, and Derelict Land Grants.

 \mathfrak{L}^{25} received from Rev. Roger Davis - speakers fee at Oasis Club. Many thanks Roger.

Interest rates reviewed to make maximum return on funds in hand.

Prospectus for the Festival ready and being sent out to potential sponsors.

December

IWA Canal Clean-up scheduled for March 27th/28th weekend. Agreed WAT would clear the area between stop-lock and Little Tring bridge.

Hemel Hempstead Movie Makers and Tring Society both sent £25 following talks by Roger Lewis - our thanks as ever.

Some opposition reported in press to the Bucks County Council Wendover Arm towpath scheme particularly car parking on Stable-bridge Road. Not considered detrimental to scheme overall.

Publicity - banners were being made and some new (second hand) display boards had been acquired.

BACK TO THE FUTURE

MMCXCIII by Bernard Banfield

Extractfrom the President of Europe's Engagements Calendar for May 2193

....."The President will visit the State of Britain to celebrate the 400th year of its canal system One item on his water-borne tour will be a cruise along the environmentally attractive Wendover Canal, once known as the "Wendover Arm", in the Chiltern Hills."

Documents lost in the mists of time preclude a detailed history, but it appears that this canal was derelict during most of the nineteen hundreds, when a group of water enthusiasts, colloquially called "Watters", reopened the waterway as far as Wendover. A century later the Arm was extended westwards by another group of devotees to join a canalised River Thame at Chearsley, and so along the Presidential cruise route to Dorchester, before continuing up the River Thames to the main quattrocentenniel Celebrations at Oxford and Stoke Bruerne.



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MILEPOSTS

Letter to The Chairman, dated 1st December 1992

Dear Roger,

I am writing as a member of the Wendover Arm Trust with regard to the article that appeared on page 12 of the Autumn 1992 issue of Wendover Arm News under the heading of Towpath Refurbishment.

I was very pleased to read about the work to be carried out on the Wendover Arm towpath by Bucks. County Council between Aston Clinton and Wendover. Fifteen years ago the towpath was an almost impenetrable thicket in places and has had a lot of work done on it during that time to reach its present state.

What concerned me was the last sentence of the third paragraph relating to mileposts. As three of the six mileposts that were originally along the Arm are still in situ I would hope that any replacements would be of identical pattern to the existing mileposts. Apart from Wendover, the Paddington, Slough, Aylesbury and Buckingham Arms all had identical style mileposts, square with a raised numeral in the centre and a raised line around the edge. The only exception being the Northampton Arm whose mileposts are very similar to those along the main line, this was probably because it is a through route to the River Nene.

Whilst on this subject I hope that the Trust will be keeping an eye on the three-milepost which is alongside the sump at Drayton Beauchamp as this could be in serious danger of being damaged, removed or buried once work starts on the Aston Clinton by-pass whenever it is scheduled to commence. Maybe it would be best to have it removed and stored safely until such time as the road works have been completed, when it could be put back in its original position.

Yours sincerely

lan J. Wilson

Greenford

Middlesex

The Editor replies:

Thank you for your concern Mr Wilson - and my apologies for a rather misleading statement. It is true that there are still existing mileposts of the original design as you state, and it is our intention that this style should be used for the new posts as well. The design shown on the Council drawings did not match the existing ones - or any other that I have come across - and we have therefore to discuss with them to make our feelings known. It was this that I was trying to express in the article, and not that we wanted to come up with some new, out-of-character design.

It is very encouraging when Members write to us, or speak to us, about matters that concern them. The Committee does all it can to ensure that the wishes of ALL are met, and not just their own. One function of the Newsletter is to try to keep members up to date with as many different aspects of the Arm as possible, and we positively welcome each and every comment, suggestion or criticism that you have. It is no good telling us after a matter is a fait-accompli that you don't agree; speak out now. Please - keep us in the picture.

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If you would like further details, write or phone: Waterway Recovery Group Enquiries 114 Regent's Park Road London NW1 8UQ telephone: 071 586 2510 (8.30 to 16.30 weekdays)

Do tell WRG that you are from the Wendover Arm Trust - when the big work starts on the Arm we hope that WRG will visit us with a camp.

Disclaimer

The views expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the Wendover Arm Trust.

Next Issue

Copy date for the next issue is 24th April 1993

IWA WATERWAY CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN 1993

The last two clean-ups held by IWA, in October 1990 and March 1992 were a great success. Plenty of good publicity, and tons of rubbish cleared. This year there is another clean-up campaign planned over the weekend of March 27th-28th, and Wendover Arm Trust are joining in.

On SUNDAY MARCH 28th we will be clearing the area between the stop-lock and Little Tring Bridge. This area is visited by a lot of people over the Festival weekend, and we really want to have it looking nice for them, so please come along if you can spare an hour or two. Bring gardening gloves and undergrowth removal devices if you have them - but don't worry if you haven't, you will still be welcome and there will be enough work to go round.

So, go and get your diary NOW and make it a date.

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TOWPATH TALK

- ☼ Once more, due to circumstances beyond our control, the printer has changed. This issue is being printed through the kind offices of The Vale School, and who knows, if I don't upset the powers there we might just be able to go back next time - please!
- ☼ BP Options vouchers have started to come in ¬on their hands and knees so far but I am confident that you will all respond magnificently soon and teach them to walk, run, and jump in in ever increasing numbers. As promised, I can announce the progress towards our target of 5000, which today stands at 254! Keep going, we can make it.
- After my comments in the last Wendover Arm News about the Committee wearing glasses, Bernard Banfield has put me straight. With a full quorum we do have two who do not wear glasses (perhaps vanity makes them contact lens users Ed!). Bernard does however point out that he is the only one who uses a deaf aid which he can usefully switch off when bored with proceedings. Now, does anybody know where we can put in a bulk order?
- ☆ Many thanks to Mrs O M Shaw of Prestwood, who kindly gave the Trust her old freezer for the Festival (and two raffle prizes inside). We have now identified more things we'd like please one of those chiller cabinets for keeping the sandwiches fresh and a supply of cable etc. suitable for running power around the Festival site. If you can help with either, please call any of the usual people.
- ☆ We attended the summer event at Milton Keynes branch of IWA last year, and they have asked us back again this year. The date for your diaries is 10th and 11th July - more details nearer the time.
- ★ Last issue I asked for more adverts and in they poured! Don't worry, there is no intention of letting the Newsletter become like the colour supplements, but it does cost a certain amount to produce and mail out, and we would aim to cover that cost with adverts if possible. Once again, do please support our advertisers if you can.
- ☆ Also remember, the Festival programme has far more space for adverts, and reaches a far wider readership, so see if you can't persuade someone to advertise in it. Why not take the space yourself, and if you've nothing to advertise just wish somebody Happy Birthday, or even leave it blank (having paid of coursel).

SALES GOODS

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